

**Public Hearing/Action**

**MEMORANDUM**

September 27, 2013

TO: County Council

FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney *AMihill*

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing/Action:** Bill 25-13, Economic Development – Cybersecurity Credit – County Supplement

**Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee recommendation (2-0):**  
enact as introduced.

Bill 25-13, Economic Development – Cybersecurity Credit – County Supplement, sponsored by Councilmembers Riemer, Floreen, and Leventhal, was introduced on September 10, 2013. A Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee worksession was held on September 23. Action is scheduled immediately following this hearing.

Bill 25-13 would authorize the County to supplement the state cybersecurity investment incentive tax credit. The amount of the supplement would be determined by a formula that takes into account the number of companies that receive credits and the amount of funds appropriated during the annual budget (©2-3, lines 19-28). The supplement paid to an eligible company must not exceed 50% of the state credit or 15% of the annual appropriation for the program (©3, lines 29-35). The Executive transmitted a memorandum in support of the bill (©6). The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce submitted a letter in support of Bill 25-13 (©20).

**Committee recommendation (2-0, Councilmember Elrich absent):** enact as introduced.

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Bill No. 25-13  
Concerning: Economic Development –  
Cybersecurity Credit – County  
Supplement  
Revised: 6/28/2013 Draft No. 2  
Introduced: September 10, 2013  
Expires: March 10, 2015  
Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunset Date: None  
Ch. \_\_\_\_\_, Laws of Mont. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Councilmembers Riemer, Floreen, and Leventhal

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) authorize the County to supplement the state cybersecurity investment incentive tax credit; and
- (2) generally amend the law governing County financial incentives for investment in certain businesses.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 20, Finance  
Section 20-76D

**Boldface**

Underlining

**[Single boldface brackets]**

Double underlining

**[[Double boldface brackets]]**

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*Heading or defined term.*

*Added to existing law by original bill.*

*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*

*Added by amendment.*

*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*

*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

1        **Sec. 1. Section 20-76D is added as follows:**

2        **20-76D. Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit Supplement.**

3        (a)    The Director of Finance must pay, subject to appropriation, a  
 4            Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit Supplement to each  
 5            Cybersecurity Company who meets certain eligibility standards.

6        (b)    A Cybersecurity Company is eligible to receive the Supplement if:

7            (1)    the Company has been designated as a qualified Cybersecurity  
 8            Company under state law and has received a final tax credit  
 9            certificate for the Maryland cybersecurity investment incentive  
 10           tax credit for the preceding calendar year; and

11           (2)    the tax credit received by the Cybersecurity Company was  
 12           generated by an investment in a qualified Maryland cybersecurity  
 13           company, as defined in state law, that has its headquarters and  
 14           base of operations in the County.

15        (c)    The County Executive, by regulations issued under Method (1), may  
 16           impose other eligibility standards. However, those standards must not  
 17           make any Cybersecurity Company ineligible to receive the Supplement  
 18           who would be eligible under subsection (b).

19        (d)    (1)    The Supplement paid to each eligible Cybersecurity Company  
 20           must equal the product of:

21           (A)    the amount of the credit the Company received under the  
 22           State Cybersecurity Investment Tax Credit Program,  
 23           divided by the total amount of credits all Montgomery  
 24           County cybersecurity companies received under the State  
 25           Cybersecurity Investment Tax Credit Program during the  
 26           preceding calendar year; and

(B) the total amount of funds appropriated to the Supplement Program for that fiscal year.

(2) The Supplement paid to any Cybersecurity Company must not exceed:

(A) 50% of the State tax credit that the Company receives from the Maryland Cybersecurity Investment Tax Credit Program in the preceding calendar year; or

(B) 15% of the total annual appropriation for the Supplement program.

(e) The Director of Economic Development must request from the Comptroller of the Treasury and Department of Business and Economic Development, by April 30 of each year, a list of each Cybersecurity Company, headquartered and based in Montgomery County that was issued a final credit certificate by the State during the preceding calendar year. The Executive may issue regulations under Method (1) to implement this Section.

(f) If the Comptroller of the Treasury agrees, the Director of Finance may arrange for the Comptroller to pay the Supplement on behalf of the County. To the extent that the Comptroller does not pay the supplement, the Director must pay the supplement within 60 days after receiving this list to each qualified Cybersecurity Company that was issued a final credit certificate from the State.

(g) A Cybersecurity Company who submits a false or fraudulent application, or withholds material information, to obtain a payment under this Section has committed a Class A violation. In addition, the Cybersecurity Company must repay the County for all amounts improperly paid and all accrued interest and penalties that would apply

to those amounts as if they were overdue taxes. A Cybersecurity Company who violates this Section is liable for all court costs and expenses of the County in any civil action brought by the County to recover any payment, interest, or penalty. The County may collect any amount due, and otherwise enforce this Section, by any appropriate legal action.

(h) If all or part of the allowed state tax credit is recaptured under the applicable state law, the Cybersecurity Company must repay the County within 60 days the portion of any Supplement paid by the County that was based on the recaptured credit.

*Approved:*

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Nancy Navarro, President, County Council

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Date

*Approved:*

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

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Date

## LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 25-13

### *Economic Development – Cybersecurity Credit – County Supplement*

**DESCRIPTION:** Authorizes the County to supplement the state cybersecurity investment incentive tax credit, allowed under Maryland Code, Tax-General Article §10-733.

**PROBLEM:** Need for further incentives to invest in local startup cybersecurity firms.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** To supplement the state tax credit program for investments in startup cybersecurity companies.

**COORDINATION:** Finance Department, Department of Economic Development

**FISCAL IMPACT:** To be requested.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** To be requested.

**EVALUATION:** To be requested.

**EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE:** To be researched.

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney, 240-777-7815

**APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES:** Applies to credits offered for companies anywhere in the County.

**PENALTIES:** Not applicable.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

August 5, 2013

TO: Hans Riemer, Councilmember

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation to Create Cybersecurity Supplement

I am writing to support your draft bill creating a cybersecurity tax credit supplement program. In your memo of March 18, 2013, you describe the rapid growth of cybersecurity firms and the many advantages that Maryland and Montgomery County have in competing for jobs in that industry. I agree. In fact, the County has been focusing on cybersecurity for some time. For example:

- The County co-sponsored the creation of the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg. The Center is a public-private collaboration for accelerating the widespread adoption of integrated cybersecurity tools and technologies.
- The cybersecurity industry is a key part of the FY14-15 Strategic Plan developed by the Department of Economic Development (DED).
- DED plans to focus one of the County's incubators on cybersecurity.
- Montgomery College has a degree program for entry-level cybersecurity jobs.

Your bill, which would add a County supplement to the State's new cybersecurity tax credit, is a useful complement to my administration's work on growing jobs in this industry. I look forward to working with you to enact it.

c: Joseph Beach, Director, Department of Finance  
Marc Hansen, County Attorney  
Jennifer Hughes, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Steve Silverman, Director, Department of Economic Development

## Chapter 390

(House Bill 803)

AN ACT concerning

### **Income Tax – Business and Economic Development – Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit**

FOR the purpose of providing for credits against the State income tax for ~~certain investments in~~ certain cybersecurity companies under certain circumstances; providing for certain applications to the Department of Business and Economic Development for approval and certification of ~~the credit and certification by the Department to investors of approved credit amounts~~ certain credits; providing for the issuance of certain initial credit certificates by the Department, subject to certain requirements and limitations; providing certain limits on the amount of credits that can be claimed; requiring the Secretary of the Department to issue final credit certificates under certain circumstances; making certain credits refundable under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to establish a panel of experts in the area of cybersecurity technology to assist the Department in making certain determinations; providing for an exemption from certain provisions of the procurement law to procure the services of certain experts to serve on a certain panel; establishing the Maryland Cybersecurity Investment Tax Credit Reserve Fund; requiring the Governor to include ~~an~~ a certain appropriation to the Reserve Fund in the annual budget bill; providing for the payment of certain administrative costs from a certain fund; requiring the Comptroller to transfer certain amounts from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to transfer certain amounts from the Reserve Fund to the Department for certain purposes; specifying the year in which certain credits may first be claimed; ~~limiting the maximum amount of initial credit certificates that may be issued in a certain fiscal year; providing that certain credit amounts may be carried over to subsequent taxable years; providing that certain credit amounts not issued under initial credit certificates in a certain fiscal year revert to the General Fund; limiting the maximum amount of credits that may be claimed on certain State income tax returns;~~ providing for certain procedures to claim approved credits; providing for revocations or recapture of a credit under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to make a certain report by a certain date each year; requiring the Department and the Comptroller jointly to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to credits against the State income tax ~~based on certain investments in certain cybersecurity businesses in the State~~ for certain cybersecurity companies in the State based on certain investments.



BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10-733

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Tax – General**

**10-733.**

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) “COMPANY” MEANS ANY ENTITY OF ANY FORM DULY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY JURISDICTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING BUSINESS FOR PROFIT.

(II) “COMPANY” DOES NOT INCLUDE A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP.

(3) “CYBERSECURITY COMPANY” MEANS A COMPANY ORGANIZED FOR PROFIT THAT IS ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE AND PROPRIETARY CYBERSECURITY TECHNOLOGY.

(4) “CYBERSECURITY TECHNOLOGY” MEANS PRODUCTS OR GOODS INTENDED TO DETECT OR PREVENT ACTIVITY INTENDED TO RESULT IN UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO, EXFILTRATION OF, MANIPULATION OF, OR IMPAIRMENT TO THE INTEGRITY, CONFIDENTIALITY, OR AVAILABILITY OF AN INFORMATION SYSTEM OR INFORMATION STORED ON OR TRANSITING AN INFORMATION SYSTEM.

(5) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(6) (I) “INVESTMENT” MEANS THE CONTRIBUTION OF MONEY IN CASH OR CASH EQUIVALENTS EXPRESSED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS, AT A RISK OF LOSS, TO A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY IN EXCHANGE FOR STOCK, A PARTNERSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP INTEREST, OR ANY OTHER OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE EQUITY OF THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY, TITLE TO WHICH OWNERSHIP INTEREST SHALL VEST IN THE QUALIFIED INVESTOR.

(II) "INVESTMENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE DEBT.

(III) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AN INVESTMENT IS AT RISK OF LOSS WHEN REPAYMENT ENTIRELY DEPENDS ON THE SUCCESS OF THE BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF THE QUALIFIED COMPANY.

(7) "PANEL" MEANS THE PANEL THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION COMPOSED OF EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF CYBERSECURITY TECHNOLOGY.

(8) (I) "QUALIFIED INVESTOR" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT INVESTS AT LEAST \$25,000 IN A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY AND THAT IS REQUIRED TO FILE AN INCOME TAX RETURN IN ANY JURISDICTION.

(II) "QUALIFIED INVESTOR" DOES NOT INCLUDE A QUALIFIED PENSION PLAN, AN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT, OR ANY OTHER QUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLAN UNDER THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, OR FIDUCIARIES OR CUSTODIANS UNDER SUCH PLANS, OR SIMILAR TAX-FAVORED PLANS OR ENTITIES UNDER THE LAWS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

(9) "QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY" MEANS A CYBERSECURITY COMPANY THAT HAS MET THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION AND BEEN DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(3)(II)2 OF THIS SECTION TO QUALIFY FOR INVESTMENTS THAT ~~ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

(10) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO ~~PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)~~ PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (F) OF THIS SECTION, FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH AN INVESTMENT IN A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY IS MADE, A QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE INCOME TAX IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDIT STATED IN THE FINAL CREDIT CERTIFICATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE INVESTMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

~~(2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX CREDIT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE QUALIFIED INVESTOR SHALL BE:~~

~~(I) FOR A COMPANY, DULY ORGANIZED AND IN GOOD  
STANDING IN THE JURISDICTION UNDER THE LAWS UNDER WHICH IT IS  
ORGANIZED;~~

~~(II) FOR A COMPANY, IN GOOD STANDING AND AUTHORIZED  
OR REGISTERED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE;~~

~~(III) CURRENT IN THE PAYMENT OF ALL TAX OBLIGATIONS  
TO THE STATE OR ANY UNIT OR SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AND~~

~~(IV) NOT IN DEFAULT UNDER THE TERMS OF ANY CONTRACT  
WITH, INDEBTEDNESS TO, OR GRANT FROM THE STATE OR ANY UNIT OR  
SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.~~

~~(3) (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FOR PURPOSES OF THE TAX  
CREDIT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE QUALIFIED  
INVESTOR: MAY NOT, AFTER MAKING THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT, OWN OR  
CONTROL MORE THAN 25% OF THE EQUITY INTERESTS IN THE QUALIFIED  
MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY IN WHICH THE INVESTMENT IS MADE.~~

(I) MAY NOT, AFTER MAKING THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT,  
OWN OR CONTROL MORE THAN 25% OF THE EQUITY INTERESTS IN THE  
QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY IN WHICH THE INVESTMENT  
IS MADE; AND

(II) SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING:

1. EVIDENCE THAT THE INVESTOR IS:

A. IF A COMPANY, DULY ORGANIZED AND IN GOOD  
STANDING IN THE JURISDICTION UNDER THE LAWS UNDER WHICH IT IS  
ORGANIZED;

B. CURRENT IN THE PAYMENT OF ALL TAX  
OBLIGATIONS TO A STATE OR ANY UNIT OR SUBDIVISION OF A STATE; AND

C. NOT IN DEFAULT UNDER THE TERMS OF ANY  
CONTRACT WITH, INDEBTEDNESS TO, OR GRANT FROM A STATE OR ANY UNIT OR  
SUBDIVISION OF A STATE; AND

2. ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
REQUIRE.

(c) (1) AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ~~MAKING~~ RECEIVING AN INVESTMENT IN A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY FOR WHICH A QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE, THE QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE APPLICATION SHALL EVIDENCE THAT THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY HAS SATISFIED THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION AS A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY:

(I) HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS AND BASE OF OPERATIONS IN THIS STATE;

(II) HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION FOR MORE THAN 1 PRIOR FISCAL YEAR;

(III) HAS BEEN IN ACTIVE BUSINESS NO LONGER THAN 5 YEARS;

(IV) HAS AN AGGREGATE CAPITALIZATION OF AT LEAST \$100,000;

(V) OWNS OR HAS PROPERLY LICENSED ANY PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGY;

(VI) HAS FEWER THAN 50 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES;

(VII) DOES NOT HAVE ITS SECURITIES PUBLICLY TRADED ON ANY EXCHANGE;

(VIII) IS IN GOOD STANDING;

(IX) IS CURRENT IN THE PAYMENT OF ALL TAX OBLIGATIONS TO THE STATE OR ANY UNIT OR SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE;

(X) IS NOT IN DEFAULT UNDER THE TERMS OF ANY CONTRACT WITH, INDEBTEDNESS TO, OR GRANT FROM THE STATE OR ANY UNIT OR SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AND

(XI) MEETS ANY OTHER REASONABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT EVIDENCING THAT THE COMPANY IS A GOING CONCERN

PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE AND PROPRIETARY CYBERSECURITY TECHNOLOGY.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) APPROVE ALL APPLICATIONS THAT QUALIFY FOR CREDITS UNDER THIS SECTION ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS; AND

(II) WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS OF RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION:

1. CERTIFY THE AMOUNT OF ANY APPROVED TAX CREDITS TO A QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY; AND

2. DETERMINE WHETHER A CYBERSECURITY COMPANY QUALIFIES FOR INVESTMENTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(4) (I) AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AN INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS SECTION, A QUALIFIED INVESTOR SHALL HAVE 30 CALENDAR DAYS TO MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY UNDER THIS SECTION.

(II) WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH A QUALIFIED INVESTOR MAKES THE INVESTMENT, THE QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT NOTICE AND PROOF OF THE MAKING OF THE INVESTMENT, INCLUDING:

1. THE DATE OF THE INVESTMENT;

2. THE AMOUNT INVESTED;

3. PROOF OF THE RECEIPT OF THE INVESTED FUNDS BY THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY;

4. A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE EQUITY OF THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY ACQUIRED IN CONSIDERATION OF THE INVESTMENT; AND

5. ANY REASONABLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE.

(III) IF A QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY DOES NOT PROVIDE THE NOTICE AND PROOF OF THE MAKING OF THE INVESTMENT REQUIRED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WITHIN 40 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AN INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS SECTION:

1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESCIND THE INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE; AND

2. THE CREDIT AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THE RESCINDED CERTIFICATE SHALL REVERT TO THE MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT RESERVE FUND AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR FOR ALLOCATION BY THE DEPARTMENT TO OTHER INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(D) (1) THE TAX CREDIT ALLOWED IN AN INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IS 33% OF THE INVESTMENT IN A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY, NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.

(2) DURING ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE SECRETARY MAY NOT CERTIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX CREDITS FOR INVESTMENTS IN A SINGLE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY THAT IN THE AGGREGATE EXCEED 15% OF THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT RESERVE FUND FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR.

~~(3) IF THE TAX CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IN ANY TAXABLE YEAR EXCEEDS THE TOTAL TAX OTHERWISE PAYABLE BY THE QUALIFIED INVESTOR FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR, THE QUALIFIED INVESTOR MAY CLAIM A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF THE EXCESS.~~

~~(3) IF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IN ANY TAXABLE YEAR EXCEEDS THE STATE INCOME TAX FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR, AN INDIVIDUAL OR A CORPORATION MAY APPLY THE EXCESS AS A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE INCOME TAX FOR SUCCEEDING TAXABLE YEARS UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:~~

~~(1) THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE EXCESS IS USED; OR~~

~~(II) THE EXPIRATION OF THE SEVENTH TAXABLE YEAR AFTER THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE INVESTMENT EXPENSE WAS INCURRED CLAIM A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF THE EXCESS.~~

(E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A PANEL COMPOSED OF EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF CYBERSECURITY TECHNOLOGY.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH THE PANEL UNDER SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH INDEPENDENT REVIEWERS.

(3) THE PANEL SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER A COMPANY IS A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY.

(4) A MEMBER OF THE PANEL IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY BENEFIT, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, FROM THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(5) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A SERVICE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OBTAINS UNDER THIS SECTION.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE FOR SERVICES THE DEPARTMENT OBTAINS UNDER THIS SECTION.

(F) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "RESERVE FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT RESERVE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) (I) THERE IS A MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT RESERVE FUND WHICH IS A SPECIAL CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(II) THE MONEY IN THE RESERVE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED BY THE TREASURER, AND INTEREST AND EARNINGS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(III) THE MONEY IN THE RESERVE FUND MAY BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PAY THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) (I) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL ISSUE AN INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE TO A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY FOR EACH APPROVED INVESTMENT IN A QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX CREDIT.

(II) AN INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL STATE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TAX CREDIT FOR WHICH THE QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY IS ELIGIBLE.

(III) 1. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE SECRETARY MAY NOT ISSUE INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES FOR CREDIT AMOUNTS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTALING MORE THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE RESERVE FUND FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR IN THE STATE BUDGET AS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO PAY THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION.

2. IF THE AGGREGATE CREDIT AMOUNTS UNDER INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN A FISCAL YEAR TOTAL LESS THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE RESERVE FUND FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR, ANY EXCESS AMOUNT SHALL REMAIN IN THE RESERVE FUND AND MAY BE ISSUED UNDER INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

3. FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, IF FUNDS ARE TRANSFERRED FROM THE RESERVE FUND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ANY PROVISION OF LAW OTHER THAN UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE MAXIMUM CREDIT AMOUNTS IN THE AGGREGATE FOR WHICH THE SECRETARY MAY ISSUE INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT TRANSFERRED.

(IV) ~~FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER~~ EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$2,000,000 TO THE RESERVE FUND.

(V) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 7-213 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT REDUCE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE RESERVE FUND IN THE STATE BUDGET AS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.



(VI) BASED ON THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF AN INVESTMENT MADE BY A QUALIFIED INVESTOR, THE SECRETARY SHALL ISSUE A FINAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE TO THE QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY.

(4) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH ~~AND IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION~~, MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE RESERVE FUND SHALL REMAIN IN THE RESERVE FUND.

(II) 1. WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR QUARTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE COMPTROLLER AS TO EACH FINAL CREDIT CERTIFICATE ISSUED DURING THE QUARTER:

A. THE MAXIMUM CREDIT AMOUNT STATED IN THE INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE FOR THE INVESTMENT IN THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY; AND

B. THE FINAL CERTIFIED CREDIT AMOUNT FOR THE INVESTMENT IN THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY.

2. ON NOTIFICATION THAT AN INVESTMENT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL TRANSFER AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE CREDIT AMOUNT STATED IN THE INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE FOR THE INVESTMENT FROM THE RESERVE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(III) 1. PERIODICALLY, BUT NOT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN QUARTERLY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUBMIT INVOICES FOR COSTS THAT HAVE BEEN INCURRED OR ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE INCURRED IN ADMINISTERING THE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION.

2. THE COMPTROLLER SHALL TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE RESERVE FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT TO PAY FOR COSTS THAT HAVE BEEN INCURRED OR ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE INCURRED IN ADMINISTERING THE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION.

~~(5) (I) FROM THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE RESERVE FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2014, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES FOR CREDIT AMOUNTS IN THE AGGREGATE THAT EXCEED \$2,000,000.~~

~~(II) ANY AMOUNT REMAINING IN THE RESERVE FUND AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES UNDER~~

~~SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.~~

(G) (1) THE CREDIT CLAIMED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE RECAPTURED AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF WITHIN 2 YEARS FROM THE CLOSE OF THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH THE CREDIT IS CLAIMED:

(I) THE QUALIFIED INVESTOR SELLS, TRANSFERS, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSES OF THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY THAT GAVE RISE TO THE CREDIT; OR

~~(II) THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY THAT GAVE RISE TO THE CREDIT CEASES OPERATING AS AN ACTIVE BUSINESS WITH ITS HEADQUARTERS AND BASE OF OPERATIONS IN THE STATE.~~

(II) THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY THAT RECEIVED THE CREDIT:

1. CEASES OPERATING AS AN ACTIVE BUSINESS WITH ITS HEADQUARTERS AND BASE OF OPERATIONS IN THE STATE; OR

2. PAYS OUT AS DIVIDENDS OR OTHERWISE DISTRIBUTES THE EQUITY INVESTMENT.

(2) THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE RECAPTURED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS THE PRODUCT OF MULTIPLYING:

(I) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT CLAIMED OR, IN THE CASE OF AN EVENT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PORTION OF THE CREDIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST DISPOSED OF; AND

(II) 1. 100%, IF THE EVENT REQUIRING RECAPTURE OF THE CREDIT OCCURS DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH THE TAX CREDIT IS CLAIMED;

2. 67%, IF THE EVENT REQUIRING RECAPTURE OF THE CREDIT OCCURS DURING THE FIRST YEAR AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH THE TAX CREDIT IS CLAIMED; OR

3. 33%, IF THE EVENT REQUIRING RECAPTURE OF THE CREDIT OCCURS MORE THAN 1 YEAR BUT NOT MORE THAN 2 YEARS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH THE TAX CREDIT IS CLAIMED.

(3) THE QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY THAT CLAIMED THE CREDIT SHALL PAY THE AMOUNT TO BE RECAPTURED AS DETERMINED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AS TAXES PAYABLE TO THE STATE FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE EVENT REQUIRING RECAPTURE OF THE CREDIT OCCURS.

(H) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE ITS INITIAL OR FINAL CERTIFICATION OF AN APPROVED CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION IF ANY REPRESENTATION MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE CERTIFICATION IS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE BEEN FALSE.

(2) THE REVOCATION MAY BE IN FULL OR IN PART AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY DETERMINE AND, SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, SHALL BE COMMUNICATED TO THE QUALIFIED INVESTOR, THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY, AND THE COMPTROLLER.

(3) THE QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL ANY REVOCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION OF THE COMPTROLLER.

(4) THE COMPTROLLER MAY MAKE AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY TO RECAPTURE ANY AMOUNT OF TAX CREDIT THAT THE QUALIFIED ~~INVESTOR~~ MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY HAS ALREADY CLAIMED.

(I) (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 10 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON THE INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR.

(2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE FOR EACH INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE AWARDED:

(I) THE NAME OF THE QUALIFIED INVESTOR AND THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT AWARDED OR ALLOCATED TO EACH ~~INVESTOR~~ QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY;

(II) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY THAT RECEIVED ~~THE INVESTMENT~~

~~GIVING RISE TO THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE COUNTY WHERE THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY IS LOCATED; AND~~

(III) THE DATES OF RECEIPT AND APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ALL APPLICATIONS FOR INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES.

(3) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SUMMARIZE FOR THE ~~CATEGORY~~ CATEGORIES OF QUALIFIED INVESTORS AND QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANIES:

(I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES UNDER THIS SECTION IN EACH CALENDAR YEAR;

(II) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR WHICH INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED IN EACH CALENDAR YEAR; AND

(III) THE TOTAL INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR ALL CALENDAR YEARS UNDER THIS SECTION.

(J) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMPTROLLER JOINTLY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND TO SPECIFY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION FOR, APPROVAL OF, AND MONITORING CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013, but before January 1, 2019. This Act shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of June 30, 2019 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

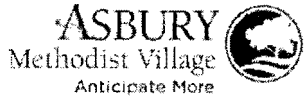
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September 23, 2013

Nancy Navarro  
County Council President  
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Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Navarro,

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce would like to express support for **Bill 25-13, Economic Development – Cybersecurity Credit – County Supplement.**

Montgomery County is poised to be leader in Cybersecurity and this Bill will help the County achieve that goal. As the National Institute for Standards and Technology prepares to establish the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence in Montgomery County, we are really in the right place at the right time.

The Cybersecurity industry is one of the Department of Economic Development's targeted industries. The additional incentives outline in this Bill will help DED attract more cybersecurity businesses to the County.

Not only will this Bill help to increase the number of high level jobs in the County, it will help secure our prominence in the cybersecurity industry.

I encourage you to support Bill 25-13. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Balcombe  
President and CEO